GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Export of Fruits
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the total quantity and value of fruits exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country and item-wise;

b) whether the export of fruits from the country is very low and if so, the reasons therefor;

c) whether the Government proposes to provide any package for promotion of fruits export and to explore the potential for exports of fruits; and

d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to promote export of fruits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) The total quantity and value of fruits exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country and item-wise, are at Annexure − I.
(b) Yes, Madam. The total production of Fruits during the year 2013-14 was about 889.77 lakh MT (Source: National Horticulture Board) against which the exports were only 4.39 lakh MT. Exports of agricultural commodities like fruits depend on various factors such as availability/non-availability of surplus over domestic requirements, international and domestic demand and supply situation, quality concerns, sanitary & phytosanitary requirements etc. In case of fruits, the reasons for low exports are high domestic consumption, fragmented supply chain, small land holdings, lack of appropriate infrastructure, high cost of logistics, difficulties in meeting global standards, high international transportation costs, etc.
(c & d) Encouraging exports of agricultural products, including fruits, is a continuous process. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance under various components of its 'Agriculture Export Promotion Plan Scheme' to the eligible exporters of fruits registered with it. Also, under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020, exports of most of the fruits are eligible for up to 5% reward under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).
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Annexure - I
Quantity in MT, Value in US $ Million

Product-wise Export of Fruits

Products	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (APR TO SEP) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
GRAPES FRESH	140966.49	182.80	152896.89	241.90	94569.91	158.04	10789.17	18.83
POMEGRANATES FRESH	36027.40	43.16	24504.51	49.63	21029.82	52.97	11154.17	30.48
MANGOES FRESH	35673.00	48.55	37295.60	50.55	42998.33	50.28	26080.83	41.70
BANANAS, FRESH	0.00	0.00	34927.51	25.51	63790.78	39.65	42609.38	27.17
OTHER FRUITS, FRSH	12066.76	5.37	20908.90	11.50	53900.61	22.45	13310.00	4.83
RAISINS	30041.71	49.16	27155.74	36.92	12325.64	17.72	12140.50	15.21
LEMONS AND LIMES FRSH OR DRIED	21214.40	8.93	16138.92	8.65	19033.33	9.86	9151.22	5.94
APPLES FRSH	23805.87	9.46	36188.85	13.88	20386.64	8.60	8336.39	2.87
OTHRS FRESH OR DRIED	10806.37	6.77	13857.91	8.90	10328.63	7.12	4022.84	2.96
MANGOES SLICED DRIED	2265.19	3.23	2757.70	4.40	4193.07	6.36	2808.05	5.42
PAPAWS (PAPAYAS) FRESH	16263.20	6.13	9921.75	5.80	11484.83	6.25	5799.37	3.90
WATER MELONS	18724.46	4.14	14305.84	4.85	15233.89	5.96	4127.83	1.38
ORANGES FRESH OR DRIED	33628.13	6.56	28817.16	9.34	17379.38	5.22	1340.78	0.39
PINEAPPLES FRESH OR DRIED	2787.10	1.53	3560.09	2.44	3751.52	2.73	2109.85	1.44
OTHER CITRUS FRUITS FRESH OR DRIED	6471.79	1.76	7084.83	2.40	7075.75	2.15	3208.50	1.15
OTHER MISC. FRUITS	12236.77	6.82	8716.36	6.83	11444.03	9.06	3836.00	3.83
TOTAL	402978.65	384.40	439038.55	483.50	408926.14	404.42	160824.87	167.49

Country-wise (top ten) Export of Fruits

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (APR TO SEP) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value

U ARAB EMTS 94094.92 96.43 91508.00 106.75 101024.79 118.74 50705.05 68.45
NETHERLAND 39673.98 66.46 48816.08 94.44 36364.08 64.66 4812.85 8.71
BANGLADESH 112388.99 32.70 116682.10 43.65 86317.31 32.04 8955.02 3.27
U K 20402.24 38.02 21662.39 47.29 14588.19 30.21 4488.18 11.29
SAUDI ARAB 23760.72 22.74 25650.92 24.42 27198.01 27.02 16886.85 17.29
RUSSIA 17836.44 27.00 23929.65 41.04 13228.54 19.68 1698.51 2.44
NEPAL 27650.07 11.41 33240.64 14.33 52495.84 17.68 30188.15 8.05
KUWAIT 4093.64 3.84 5757.23 7.25 9090.51 10.07 3302.37 4.46
QATAR 4821.17 3.38 4460.03 4.73 6759.63 6.95 3894.16 4.60
OMAN 2941.95 3.96 6485.63 6.66 7828.84 6.84 4126.96 3.48
OTHER COUNTRIES 55314.54 78.46 60845.89 92.95 54030.42 70.52 31766.78 35.44
Grand Total 402978.65 384.40 439038.55 483.50 408926.14 404.42 160824.87 167.49
Source: DGCI&S
(P):- Provisional

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